

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

List Up to Date of New Years' Open Houses.

GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

Personal Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

[All ladies who will receive New Year's callers whose names are listed in the list given below, are requested to send in their names to the STATE JOURNAL, not later than 10 o'clock Monday morning.]

Society has had its full quota of Christmas cheer, with two large receptions, one large reception with dancing, and numerous smaller social functions during the week. The usual floral decorations have been happily varied with holly, mistletoe and Christmas greens. Yet with it all, the customary formal aspect of the reception has not been lost.

On next Monday this will to some extent, at least, have been done. "Open house" carries with it, in spite of the full dress accompaniments, a delightful informal idea. This pretty custom which formerly meant that the ladies of each house were made ready to receive all the gentlemen of their acquaintance on the first day of the year, and that every gentleman tried to make a greater number of calls than every other gentleman he knew, has come down to us, but slightly varied from the old Dutch settlers of New York, though Scotland also lays claim to originating the custom.

The social observance of the first day of the year, and the custom of the interchange of gifts is older than the celebration of Christmas in like manner, and in France such observance of it is still unaltered by that of Christmas even.

When the calendar year began in March instead of January the old Romans celebrated it, and the superstition that it is imperative to do well on that day in order to be successful throughout the year is also of Roman origin.

On New Year's day the ancient Druids cut the mistletoe. There are several English superstitions in regard to New Year's day. They are to the effect that the first person to enter the house that day should be a man, and that his initials should be straight lines, as Tom Hayes, but not George Small, the initials of which are curved; that the man of the house should bring in something the first time he enters it that he did not take out; that no one should leave the house in the morning until some one has entered it.

A great many of Topeka's handsome homes will be open on next Tuesday. Miss Johnson and Miss Mabel Johnson will receive at their handsome home on west sixth avenue, assisted by Mesdames W. L. Dickey of Omaha, H. L. Bert of Quincy, Arthur Miller, Arthur Capper, Miss Mary Sullivan, Miss Nellie Burt, Miss Mary McCabe, Margaret Mulvane, Lida Manspeaker, Lou Neely, name Atchison and Fannie Graham of Leavenworth. The handsome home of Judge and Mrs. A. H. Horton at Ninth and Harrison will be thrown open from 3 to 7 for the party, consisting of Misses Bessie, Edna, and Mabel Johnson, Honietta Thompson, Bessie Gilson, Dora Furman, Florence Greer, Francis Littlefield, Jessie Small, Margaret Bradley, Hortense Kelly, Mesdames Will Smith, Ed Small, Arthur Murphy. The visiting young ladies who will receive with them are: Misses Julia Smith, Harriet Rolf of Beloit, Wis., Annie Oehlert of Olathe and Marie Shiras of Ottawa. No cards. Miss Horton and Miss Gennell will also receive with the party.

Mrs. W. W. Phillips and Mrs. E. T. Sim will receive at the home of the latter, 415 Tyler street, from 2:30 to 4:30, assisted by Misses Corina Bone, Jessie and Nellie Griffith and Frances Lee of Kansas City; Mesdames Horace Hall, James Tanner, Frank Hobart, Charles Nelson; Misses Adie and Cleo Ewart, Nina and May Thomas, Julia and Mary Walker, Lillie and Zena Freeman, Margaret McKee, Lida Weaver, Lida Whitehead, Grace Weaver, and Dora Rowley.

Mrs. Harry Conde Ashby, Mrs. John W. Faroworth, Mrs. P. L. Soper, Mrs. Frank Holliday, Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. Corrin Jewell Prescott, Miss Anna Bartholomew, and Miss Margaret Dudley, will receive at the home of Mrs. Ashby, 100 Taylor street, from 2 till 4.

Miss Daisy Lakin will receive at home, First and Western avenue, assisted by Mrs. W. N. West, Mrs. Norman West, Mrs. Lindsay Pegues, Misses Edna Best, Mona, Frances Moon, Dora, Eleanor Wilson, Lou Taylor, Edna Barrah, and Frances Kellogg of Leavenworth; May Everett, Bethany and Hattie Holman.

Mrs. James L. King, 306 Topeka avenue, assisted by Misses H. V. Hinchley, Paul Hudson, Will Easman, Dr. Longenecker of Emporia, Harold Chase, Doll Keller, Willis Norton, E. S. Quinton, Misses Mame Smith, Clemmie Linn, and Bessie King.

Mrs. Willard L. Church, Misses Violet and Aletha Church, Mattie Valentine, Ashah Brewer, Harriet Adams, Elsie Valentine, Myra Van Houten, and Osa McFadden, will receive at 622 west Eighth street.

The C. O. D. club, consisting of the following young ladies, Misses Ada Conkle, Margaret and Kathryn Collier, Marie and Kathryn Watkins, Edna Parkhurst and Hattie Hamrick, will receive New Year's calls at the home of the former, 1019 North Quincy street, from 3 until 7 o'clock. No cards.

Misses May Magill, Laura Daves, Mame Bennett, Laura Weidling and Susie Guild will receive with Miss Mary Harrison at 1243 Western avenue.

Miss Willa Rogers will be assisted by Misses Mary Thompson, Nellie McClintock and Cora Peck.

Miss Maud Kidden, assisted by Misses Maud and Roe Chesney, Nora and Ethel Oliver, Maud Ellison and Irene Boyd, will receive, per invitation, at 301 East Tenth street, on New Year's day, from 4 to 6 p. m.

Miss Myrtle Davis, at her home, 1034 Topeka avenue, assisted by Miss Edna Crane and her guests, Misses Kate Critchfield, of Okaloosa, and Nora McCarthy, of Larned; Mesdames Vera Low and her guest, Etta Livermore, of Olathe; Miss Lottie Page, of Denver; Misses Lella Saxton, Grace Greba, Nellie Small, Norma Smith, Lillian Whitlock, Lillian Hazlett, Grace Curtis, Crandle Packard and Bernice McDonald.

Misses Sadie Minney, Gertrude Houston, Alice McKittick, Minnie White and Minnie Fulton will receive from 4 till 6 at 214 Western avenue.

Miss Edith Ott will receive at 832 Polk street from 3 till 7, assisted by Misses Marie Brooks, Lillian Valentine, Lida Bergen, Emma Dennis and Ida Stag.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy M. Burnham, of

Ashland, Wis., are the guests of J. Wallace Paramore and family.

Fred Bair entertained about twenty-five invited guests at his home on Prospect street, Lowman Hill, in celebration of his sixteenth birthday.

Miss Susie Smith, of Frankfort, Kan., is the guest of her cousins, Misses Mame and Ida Smith, on her way home from Colorado Springs.

Misses May and Ethel Wilson entertained at a party last night complimentary to their friends and guests, Misses Beasie Gleason and Alda Thompson, of Seneca, who are spending the holidays with the Misses Wilson.

Eugene Sharum, now in the dry goods business in Carthage, Mo., came home Christmas to spend a few days.

Master John and Bob Heddlerman are spending the holidays with their grandparents in Junction City.

Mr. W. B. Kearney of Gatesville, Tex., and Mrs. George of Kansas City, are visiting their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Kearney at 223 Harrison street, after an absence of twenty-one years.

G. W. Shook of the Jennings livery, is visiting his brother of the Santa Fe offices. Mr. Shook reports considerable snow in western Kansas.

Dr. Ida C. Barnes returns from Omaha today, where she went to attend the annual meeting of the "Western Association of Gynecologists and Obstetricians," and read a paper.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wade entertained thirty-three children, grand-children and great-grand-children at dinner on Christmas day. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest to all present. Mr. and Mrs. Wade are past eighty-one years of age, and have lived in Topeka since 1838. Every member of the family was present. Those from out of the city were: Mrs. Ed Lunham and little son Harry, of Greensburg, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wade and daughter, of Meadon. The house was elaborately decorated with Christmas greens, and dinner was served at which thirty-one persons were seated.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kearney entertained complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kearney of Gatesville, and Mrs. George Kearney of Kansas City. The following persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. James Doughty, Mr. and Mrs. H. Holliday, Mr. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. James Kearney, Miss Amy Kearney, Mr. Samuel Miller, Miss Myrtle Holliday, Mr. Sam Kearney, little Jim Holliday.

General Social Notes. Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Roly have returned to their winter quarters at 115 West Sixth street.

Mrs. J. K. Hudson is at home on Thursdays at 309 East Seventh street.

Mrs. Ed G. Burnett, wife of the New York passenger agent of the Santa Fe, arrived in the city last night and will be the guest for several days of Mrs. L. Halsey.

Miss Franc Littlefield entertained the Douze Whist club this afternoon.

Mrs. C. C. Baker returned from Kansas City yesterday afternoon.

Miss Edna Darrah will be the guest of Miss Lakin next week.

Miss Anna McCabe is home from Lindenwood College, the guest of her brother, Mr. Charles F. McCabe.

Miss Fannie Graham of Leavenworth will visit Misses Johnson next week.

Miss Eleanor Wilson and Miss Lou Taylor went to Leavenworth this morning, to turn Monday.

Miss Frances Kellogg of Leavenworth will be the guest of Miss Blanche Deast on Monday.

Miss Margaret Bear entertained friends delightfully Wednesday evening.

Mrs. M. L. Mullenpaugh and son Harry are visiting in Baltimore.

Harry Swatook is ill at his rooms in the Thompson block.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bates and Mrs. Rosa Burns expect to leave for Florida January 3.

Gov. and Mrs. Morrill and daughter, Miss Grace, will be in their rooms at the Copeland about January 10.

Mrs. J. R. Burton is at the Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Troutman and little daughter Anna will return from Chicago tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb have taken rooms at the Copeland for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Sutton have taken their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Washburne and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Washburne entertained a family party of about forty at dinner on Christmas day at the Copeland.

The Shakespeare club met with Mrs. L. B. Snow this week.

Mrs. Rossington is quite indisposed.

The Assembly club will dance at Library hall on the evening of Friday, January 4. Every effort is being made to make the party one of the most enjoyable of the season.

Mr. Eugene Hagan was host to a merry Christmas party which dined at the Copeland, consisting of Misses Myra Williams, Mary McCabe, Maggie and Mabel Johnson; Messrs. Charles Allen, Jerry Black and Archie Williams.

Miss Lois Teft was the charming hostess of one of the most enjoyable parties of Christmas week on Thursday evening. About sixty young friends were most pleasantly entertained at cards. The appointments of the juvenile home were daintily beautiful, and the guests were most royally entertained.

Messrs. Jerry Black and Eugene Hagan will give a box party at the Robson performance tonight, consisting of Misses Myra Williams, Maggie and Mabel Johnson; Messrs. Charles Allen, Jerry Black and Archie Williams.

Miss Lou Neely of Leavenworth, Mrs. W. L. Dickey of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Best of Quincy, and Messrs. Frank Jarrell and Seymour Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Myers gave a delightful children's party Thursday afternoon.

Miss Olivia Van Tassel entertained a number of friends Wednesday evening.

Misses Santa and Fe Waters entertained friends at cards both Thursday and Friday. The rooms had been prettily decorated in a most effective manner and were an ideal place to spend a social hour. Dainty refreshments also attested the excellent taste of the charming young hostesses.

Miss Beasie Brewer, youngest daughter of Justice and Mrs. Brewer and sister of Mrs. A. P. Jaimore of this city, was one of the buds that blossomed in Washington society during the past week at a reception given by her father and mother. A number of Topeka people were invited to this reception.

The Qui Vive club gave a masquerade party at the home of Mr. Henry Bennett last evening.

Mr. Orrin T. Welch will arrive this evening.

THINGS HEARD AND OVERHEARD. Facts and Fancies Jotted Down in the Daily Note Book.

There will be over a half dozen Leavenworth belles receiving calls New Year's day.

A Topeka honey bee has been seen flying every night this week and stayed till close on to the wee wee hours. Her father is away and there is no one to slam the doors and give other audible hints about 10 p. m.

A little Topeka girl leaned back in her chair to rest between the courses of her Christmas dinner and said, "Isn't it a good thing Christmas don't come in Lent?"

Janitors of steam heated buildings have had a chance to earn their wages the last few days; a chance some of them have not appreciated.

We always speak of the goddess of fashion, but god of fashion would be more appropriate if we called him Proteus.

Most Topeka hot tamales are made by a blind man.

A new social diversion is a tea given by young gentlemen to their lady friends. They receive, pour and serve, presiding over the frappe, lemonade and tea and coffee urns with becoming dignity and grace.

A tramp, who wore good clothes and a clean white necktie, was soliciting a hand out at Topeka back doors yesterday.

Edwyn Barron, a former Kansas boy, has written a play for Mile. Kline, entitled "When Rosa Was Queen." Mr. Barron's wife is the sister of Mr. Charles J. Smith of Potwin Place. It is said that Kline is delighted with the play, in which Queen Elizabeth, Shakespeare and Falstaff appear on the stage.

The Romans dedicated the New Year to the two-faced god Janus, and it is supposed to face both past and present. The Chinese celebrate the advent of their New Year for three days, beginning on February 9th. The Jewish New Year is a movable feast as our Easter is, coming in September or October.

Heart are light and eyes shine bright where Dr. Price's Baking Powder is used.

Louisiana Women. The women of Louisiana have been slow, in comparison with the other southern states, in organizing into clubs for mutual improvement and intellectual culture. While New Orleans is not lacking in this direction, the other towns have not been able to the value of this education. But within the last few months the club idea has been gradually developing. Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Lake Providence and Monroe all have women's clubs, and the latest heard from is the Review club of Lake Charles, which is now about to ally itself to the General Federation of Women's Clubs. —New Orleans Letter.

Lace Caps. Fifty years ago at 30 a matron was supposed to don a cap, now, at 70, it is the exception, not the rule, when she drapes a piece of black lace over her head. On the contrary, it is the buds and blossoms of society who top the coquettish morning coiffures with scraps of lace and ribbon, with here and there a blossom stem amid the airy tresses. These breakfast head "pieces" are worn by the gayest girls. They may be a caprice of the hour, but they are very becoming, and instead of giving a touch of age, they apparently accentuate the youth of the wearer. —New York Dispatch.

Dr. L. Hamilton. The doctor who pulled the old armor of Afghanistan through his late illness is a young lady of Ayshire, Scotland. —Dr. L. Hamilton, who took her medical degree three years ago in Brussels and practiced in Calcutta before she went to Afghanistan. She took a dangerous journey to go there and is said to have been the first white woman to visit Afghanistan. A special escort was given her. Can we not see the long procession of progressive women following fast and faster in her wake?

A Hideous Fashion. A notable feature in the costumes of the New York women is the fact that their bonnets are worn far back on their elaborate coiffures, where they appear to hang just by one hair. It cannot be claimed that this is pretty. It is hideous. It is not becoming to the face, and a side view of the wearer is distressing. The marvel is how they keep them on at all. —New York News.

TO BE AN EXTRA SESSION. That is Certain, If This Congress Doesn't Pass a Currency Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The talk of an early extra session of the fifty-fourth congress has been revived at the capital. Upon two pending bills hinges the question of whether Mr. Cleveland will convolve the new congress or not.

Those bills are the urgent deficiency appropriation bill, which contains the appropriation for carrying the income tax into effect and which is pending in the senate, and the Carlisle currency bill, which is under debate in the house.

Senators Hill and Quay will make a desperate fight in the senate against the income tax and will exhaust every parliamentary expedient to defeat it.

Mr. Quay proposes talking the tariff bill to death. He has already enough manuscript, it is said, to consume a month's time of the senate.

The currency bill is regarded as of paramount importance. The condition of the treasury is critical. The gold reserve is dwindling rapidly, and another bond issue is regarded as inevitable. Mr. Cleveland is very much in earnest in his desire for some legislation at this session to relieve the treasury and if it is not forthcoming, there are many who believe that he will immediately convolve the 55th congress.

Should Mr. Cleveland call an extra session he will be the second president since the war to convene congress in extraordinary session twice during his term of office.

6th and Kansas Avenue. Topeka Coal Co. Telephone Hall.

The Benevolent lodge has installation of officers and supper New Year's night at 113 east Sixth street. Admission 10 cents. Come one, come all.

Rock Island Playing Cards. No. 601 Kans. Ave.

Topeka Coal Co. 6th and Kansas Avenue.

THE LATEST MODELS.

BLOUSES, TEA GOWNS AND HOODS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Designs in Dresses That Are a Reminder of Dolls' Attire—New Blouse Waists, Handsome Hoods For Children—Directions For Making—Cost of Material.

(Special Correspondence.) New York, Dec. 27.—Some of the latest models and designs in dresses make one think of dolls, such as we see along toward the holidays in the show windows, marked "From Paris." The same stiff looking arrangement of the garments exists, and the human wearers appear to adopt the same uncompro-

missing attitudes of the dolls. There was a blue crepon tea gown in one window, where the skirt, instead of hanging in the natural soft folds of that material, was stiff, and, though perhaps stylish, very ungraceful. There was a pointed yoke of white velvet embroidered in gold, with an occasional black thread to give it depth. There was a frill of 10 inch cream Spanish lace gathered to the yoke all around, but shortened in the front. The skirt was gathered directly to the yoke and fell in unbroken lines to the bottom. In the front there were two box plaits laid from top to bottom, and these were overlaid with lace five-eighths of a yard deep. The sleeves were much puffed and ended with a band of the same and a fall of lace at the elbow. If I had a doll, I should copy that tea gown for it. If I were a society woman, I should have one made just like it and give it to my enemy. But others found it beautiful, and that is why I mention it.

A Pretty Fancy. The blouse is the vogue of all for woolen stuff, and often, too, it is seen in material of a finer texture and in velvet. There is no denying that it is a pretty fancy and one likely to last longer than the serpentine waists. A very dressy and yet simple model was of tan colored vicuna. The blouse was gathered to a lace yoke, and this was bordered with a narrow line of black Persian. The puffed sleeves were draped up in a very stylish manner. The forearm was overlaid with lace, bordered with the fur. The skirt buttoned down the right side with buttons covered with vicuna. Around the waist is a ruby velvet belt, with a rasette of the same. The blouse effect is obtained by having the waist gathered full and being two or three inches longer than the lining. This is sometimes done all around the waist, and other times it is cut to slope in front only. It is a matter of taste how it shall be done. The blouse front always looks very well when an Eton or figaro is put on over it. It then resembles a full skirt. The lining to these waists should be snugly fitted in every case.

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